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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Franklin G. Floete, Administrator of General Services.

1. At 11:00 a.m. on Monday, 19 March 1956, Mr. Dulles and I met with Mr. Franklin G. Floete, Administrator of General Services, to discuss the GSA/CIA Agreement and related problems in connection with the proposed new CIA headquarters building.
2. We spent about an hour discussing the background of our project, our general procedure, etc. With regard to the Agreement, Mr. Floete said that it was entirely acceptable to him and that he would give us a statement in writing to that effect if we wanted it. Mr. Dulles assured him that we did not need such a statement but merely wanted to make sure that the Agreement was satisfactory to him prior to proceeding inasmuch as it had been signed by Mr. Mansure so shortly before his resignation. Mr. Floete said that had he been writing the Agreement he thought he might have been more specific but that these specifics could undoubtedly be put in the architectural-engineering contract or provided for in other ways as we moved along.
3. We explained to Mr. Floete the tight time schedule we faced in order to get consideration of additional appropriations during this session of Congress. He assured us that he would discuss this over-all problem with his people in the Public Buildings Service and notify me sometime during the afternoon of 19 March as to the point of contact in that department. He also appreciated the necessity for getting a contract signed with Harrison & Abramovitz and said that he would move on this without delay.
4. Our meeting was most cordial.

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